



Micro Drainage PRESS RELEASE

MICRO DRAINAGE MERGES WITH CARDNO Global expansion for WinDes®

Micro Drainage of Newbury, developer of the UK's industry-standard drainage design software suite WinDes®, has merged with Cardno Ltd (CDD), the infrastructure services company based in Brisbane, Australia.

Micro Drainage complements Cardno's long established Australian and US-based water engineering software business, XP Software, which has representation in eight countries. Between them, Micro Drainage and XP Software have sold more than 15,000 software licenses worldwide.

Co-founders of Micro Drainage, Aidan and Marian Millerick, will remain with the company and become shareholders of Cardno. Aidan Millerick, Managing Director of the company since its inception in 1983, said that Micro Drainage has become the market leader in its field in the UK and Ireland, with developing markets in Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

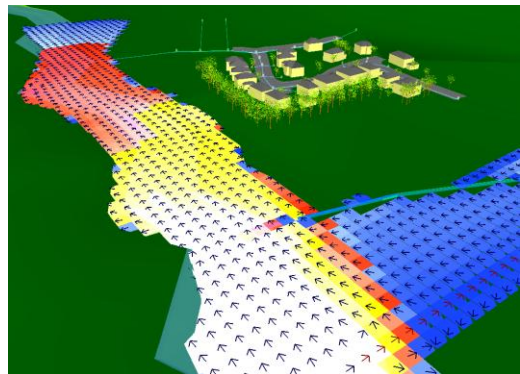
"Today more than 90 per cent of water engineering consultants and water companies in the UK use our software," he said. "In Cardno, we have found an ideal partner to support our future growth and international expansion.



“Our clients will also benefit from the union with Cardno and XP Software, as our collective development and client support resources will enable us to accelerate the delivery and scope of innovative, practical and relevant solutions.”

“By leveraging XP Software’s extensive international network, Cardno has the ability to market Micro Drainage’s product range worldwide,” said Mr Andrew Buckley, Managing Director of Cardno. “We can also offer existing XP Software customers a complementary and in-demand product suite.

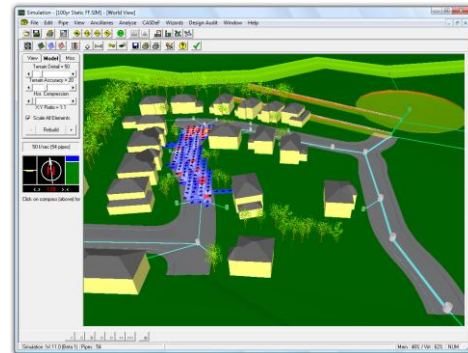
“The products offered by XP Software and Micro Drainage are all designed to help engineers to plan and design better water management solutions for our communities,” he added. “This merger creates a true holistic design, analysis and modelling capability for the world’s civil engineers.”



The Micro Drainage product range has always had strong support from UK regulatory authorities. It is compatible with all standard engineering platforms, such as Autodesk, Bentley, PDS, and 12D and is used by civil engineers in government agencies, private consultancies and academic institutions.

WinDes[®] allows users to simulate the environmental impact of extreme rainfall, climate change and urban development, facilitating the design of the most sustainable and cost-effective stormwater and wastewater solutions.

In line with their shared commitment to innovation and product development, Micro Drainage and XP Software will now have more than 20 developers dedicated to enhancing their product suites.



“The global civil engineering landscape is evolving rapidly, to keep pace with climate change, accelerating urban development, and the drive to sustainability,” commented Aidan Millerick. “By bringing together the proven capabilities of Micro Drainage and XP Software, Cardno has created a team with the research, development and distribution resources to address the growing world market for our software.”

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About Micro Drainage Limited: Micro Drainage was founded in Newbury in 1983 and developed the first drainage design suite for the PC. WinDes® is now the industry-standard drainage design suite in the UK.

Over 14,000 Micro Drainage Software modules are currently in use. They are used by over 90 percent of the UK's top sewerage consultants as defined by the New Civil Engineer Consultants File, and all water utility companies.

All Micro Drainage products are backed by comprehensive technical support and training programmes, including engineering consultancy focusing on the application of the software. Micro Drainage is the only drainage engineering software developer certified to EN BS ISO 9001 and TickIt standards.

